



Friday 26th April 2024

Dear Families,

The Oak Tree

During this week's assembly, I read the children 'The Oak Tree' by Julia Donaldson. It tells the story of an oak tree through time, and I related this to the change the children have in their year at school. I spoke about teacher's writing the children's end of year reports, and the children thinking about what successes they'd like to have written about them. If you would like to see my assembly, it was recorded this week so please see the link: <https://youtu.be/1WNKXI2V08I?si=ReZBTCGoh26DM-zM>.

Attendance – for week ending 19th April

RPeterPan	RRosen	1Anning	1Donaldson	2Attenborough	2Johnson	3Rashford
97.4%	93.8%	98.8%	98.1%	98.9%	88.7%	96.1%
3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
96.4%	95.3%	93.2%	97.5%	98.6%	92.9%	97.1%



Well done, Summerswood – this is a fantastic start to our Summer term and I can't wait to see who is going to be our first class with 100% attendance for a week! A couple of classes were close, so let's make a concerted effort moving forward.

If your child has an appointment during the school day, please bring them to school before the appointment (if it is after 9.30am) so that they are missing as little learning time as possible. Likewise, if an afternoon appointment finishes by 2pm, we would expect that child to be brought back to school. Remember that if you are unsure about anything relating to attendance, you are always welcome to call or email Mrs Firby on: attendance@summerswood.herts.sch.uk.

Family Fund



Following the sad information that I shared in last week's newsletter about a Year 4 parent who died following her cancer diagnosis, school staff were able to attend the celebration of her life yesterday. It was a beautifully sad ceremony that shared the impact Carly had on many people in the thirty-six years of her life and will continue to have in the years ahead. If you are able to donate to the family fund, we'd be really grateful for the impact this will have on the family in the difficult times ahead: <https://gofund.me/2938feaa>.



Book Give-Away

Summerswood has been clearing out their cupboards of some books that are no longer needed. We will be putting the books on tables outside the school next week - provisionally on Monday, but if it's raining, we'll move this to a drier day! The books are there for you to take - no donation necessary. Although the books may not be needed in school, they may be nice to add to children's own home collections of books. Please take as many books as you'd like - reading really is a key part of the children's education and access to any appropriate reading material is a bonus.

Spare Pants 😊

We are asking for donations of underpants and knickers for ages 4-6 to be used as spares in school, for when the little ones need a change of clothing whilst at school. And if your child does come home in spare underwear that belongs to the school, please wash and return the underwear as soon as possible.

Tissues

We always need boxes of tissues to be used in classes, so any donations would be gratefully received at the school office, so that we can distribute them throughout the school. Thank you in advance!

Kind regards,



Sarah Kneller
Headteacher

Interesting fact: 27th April 1992
- Betty Boothroyd became the first woman Speaker in the House of Commons after 700 years of men in the role.

Anxiety Explained

Do you, or your children (especially your teens) suffer from anxiety?
Would you like to know what anxiety is and gain some understanding on how to manage it?



A two-hour online talk delivered by
Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at **FACE**
THURSDAY 2nd MAY 7-9PM £24
Available to book now facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 30th April	3.30pm: Y6 PGL parent information meeting – in 6Malala class
Wednesday 1st May	9am: 3W class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 22nd May	9am: 2A class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Thursday 23rd May	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Friday 24th May	INSET Day – no children in school
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	HALF TERM
Monday 3rd June	Start of Summer Term 2
Wednesday 12th June - Friday 14th June	Y6 PGL residential trip
Wednesday 12th June	9am: 2J class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Wednesday 19th June	9am: 1A & 1D class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Wednesday 26th June	9am: Y6 PGL assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Tuesday 2nd July	9.10am: Nursery assembly – all parents/ carers welcome – DATE CHANGE
Wednesday 3rd July	9am: RP class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Friday 5th July	#WOODFEST 2024
Wednesday 10th July	9am: RR class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Tuesday 16th July	2-3pm: Year 6 production
Wednesday 17th July	2-3pm: Year 6 production
Wednesday 17th July	5-6pm: Year 6 production
Monday 22nd July	Last day of term - for Nursery Children only
Monday 22nd July	Year 6 Leaver's Dinner – time TBC
Tuesday 23rd July	9am: Year 6 Leaver's Assembly – Y6 parents welcome, sign in at office
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of Term - school finishes at 1.30pm

Stepping-Stones

Holiday Club

Monksmead Primary School
Hillside Ave WD6 1HL

for children aged 18mths to 5yrs & siblings to 8yrs

Taking bookings

May ½ term

(Tues 28th, Wed 29th, Thurs 30th & Fri 31st May 24)

&

Summer Holidays

(24th July to 30th August 24)

2024

£6 per hour

9am to 4pm

Email: stepping-stonespreschool@outlook.com

Phone: 0208 953 2310

Games * Bouncy castle * Arts & Crafts * Music
Trips to the local park & lots of fun & laughter



Dear Colleagues

We are resending details of our parent courses as I'm aware emails with links, don't always reach people and apologies if you receive this more than once. We have four 'Supporting Families with Protective Behaviours' courses starting soon for parents and carers including one for dads only. Places are fully funded by HCC Targeted Parenting fund for parents across Hertfordshire who may need some additional support. One of the courses will run in Broxbourne and the others will be online and are listed below. Please email if you would like a copy of the course poster and parent registration form. We kindly ask that you share the details with your colleagues and networks and pass on to parents and carers who may need this support.

This 8-week term time course can help parents and carers to:

- Understand what may be influencing their child's behaviour
- Understand how Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour link together
- Respond to a range of feelings e.g. anger, frustration, anxiety, stress and worry
- Improve communication to build better relationships
- Build on their own and their child's strengths
- Learn strategies to help them and their family feel safe

Online courses:

- Tuesdays 7 May - 2 July 7.00pm - 9.00pm for Mums, Dads & carers
- Thursdays 9 May - 4 July 7.00pm - 9.00pm for Dads and male carers
- Tuesdays 4 June - 9 July 9.30am - 11.30am

For enquiries and to book a place, please email: enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk or Tel: 07850 518216

Broxbourne

- Fridays 3 May - 5 July 9.30am - 11.30am

For enquiries and to book a place, please Tel: 01992 303331 Option 5

With thanks and kind regards

Fiona

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Trainer

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NINJA
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GYMNASTICS**

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PARTY DAY
AND FANCY
DRESS**

Summerswood Primary School
Furzehill Rd, Borehamwood WD6 2DW

28th May - 31st May

8:45AM - 3:30PM

3 - 5 yrs old: Half day's only
5.5 - 11 yrs old

**£80 FOR
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Venue: Meryfield Primary School, Theobald Street, Borehamwood WD6 4PA

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